DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is my personal observation, and I have checked the fact.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether the Chief Engineer has checked the spot?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes, Sir; even yesterday.

MR. K. M. PAUL (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know whether the distribution of men and material from various divisions has not prejudicially affected the situation?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No, sir.

Aerodrome at Trivandrum.

4. * MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount that has been spent up-to-date for the construction of the Aerodrome at Trivandrum; and

(*b*) the amount now estimated as necessary for its completion?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Rs. 4·56 lakhs up to end of 15-11-1121.

(*b*) About Rs. 12 lakhs excluding land acquisition charges.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the coolies engaged in connection with the Perunchani works have been called to Trivandrum?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Why was it that the urgency with which the ærodrome work has been carried on has not been shown in connection with the minor irrigation works for the first ten months of this year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It did not arise then. We were getting through the normal programme, and this question was taken on hand because there was the intention of inaugurating the new year for the ærodrome from the 1st October.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI; May I know whether the Government were considering the question of minor irrigation as not urgent during the first ten months of the year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Not by any chance. Due attention is being paid to the promotion of minor irrigation.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Why was it that practically nothing was done during the first ten months of the year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It would not be quite correct to say so.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Has any work been done during the first ten months of the year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Quite a lot.

PRESIDENT: The question is with regard to the ærodrome, and you cannot incidentally put a series of questions on other matters.

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MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether there was any undertaking on the part of this Government as to the date of completion of the ærodrome with the Government of India or the Government of Cochin?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Government are participating in the air services. It is part of the Government's own function.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether there was a stipulation as to the date regarding the completion of the work?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. As part of the negotiations that took place between the three Governments and the Tata Company, it was decided that the air service should be opened from the 1st October.

Trivandrum Aerodrome.

5. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the estimated amount and the expenditure so far of the Trivandrum Aerodrome; and

(*b*) how far the work has progressed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) 1. Approximately Rs. 12 lakhs excluding land acquisition charges.

2. Rs. 4·56 lakhs.

(*b*) One runway has been completely metalled. Another runway has been metalled for half its length and a third has been metalled for ¼ of its length.

Construction of the Aerodrome at Trivandrum.

6. *MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Thodupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of the first estimate for the construction of the Aerodrome at Trivandrum; and

(*b*) the expenditure incurred till the 15th of Meenom 1121?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN (*a*) Rs. 6 lakhs for a small aerodrome.

(*b*) Rs. 95,612.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: ഏറോഡ്രോം പണിയുന്നതിലേക്ക് ഫസ്റ്റ് എസ്റ്റിമേറ്റ് തുകയും കൊള്ളിച്ചിട്ടില്ലാതിരുന്ന സ്ഥിതിക്ക് ഇതിലേക്കുള്ള പണം എവിടെനിന്ന് എടുക്കുവാനാണ് ഗവണ്മെന്റ് ഉദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നതെന്ന് പറയാമോ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Post-war reconstruction.

Aerodrome at Trivandrum.

7. *MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the estimated cost of the construction of the Aerodrome at Trivandrum; and

(*b*) the time within which the work is to be completed?

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